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SUBJECT: NATO SATELLITE GROUND TERMINAL IN ICELAND

REFS: A. STATE 063714

B. USNATO 1037

C. NICSMA/SID(74)102, 18 JUL 75

D. NICSMA/PD(73)48, 23 MAR 73

E. NICSMA/HB(75)20

1. MISSION PASSED INFORMATION IN STATE 063714(REF A) TO DG NICSMA
AS INSTRUCTED AND WILL REPORT HIS RESPONSE WHEN RECEIVED.

2. NICSMA WANTS TO SUBMIT A TYPE B ESTIMATE FOR PHASE III SATELLITE
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GROUND TERMINAL (SGT) EQUIPMENT BY MID-APRIL 1975. FOR THIS REASON,
NICSMA HAS REQUESTED THAT THE US PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
BY APRIL 4, 1975:

A. DATA REQUESTED IN PARA 1 OF USNATO 1037 (REF B) IN THE GREATEST DETAIL AVAILABLE BY THAT TIME. AS A MINIMUM, NICSMA REQUESTS THAT US IDENTIFY THE DESTINATION OF EACH US CIRCUIT. THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO FINALIZE THE MULTIPLEX PLANS FOR ALL SATELLITE TERMINALS AFFECTED. FYI: SACLAN INTENDS TO ASK DG NICSMA TO OBTAIN FOLLOWING SERVICES AS ADDITIONAL OFFSET FOR US CIRCUITS ON ICELAND SGT:

(1) TWO TELETYPEWRITER CIRCUITS VIA DCS FOR SACLAN ALTERNATE COMMAND CENTER, PUERTO RICO, TO INTERFACE WITH NICS. SACLAN ESTIMATES UTILIZATION AT TWO WEEKS PER YEAR DURING EXERCISES AND IN PERIODS OF TENSION.

(2) TRANSMISSION VIA DCS OF NATO MESSAGE TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE AZORES AND A NICS TRANSFER POINT. (NORMAL WEEKLY LOAD WOULD BE LESS THAN 100 MESSAGES OF LESS THAN 200 GROUPS EACH.)

(3) THE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE WOULD TERMINATE IF THE US REMOVES TRANSMISSION FACILITIES ON THESE ISLANDS.

END FYI.

B. GROSS ESTIMATES FOR THE COST OF CIVIL WORKS BASED ON THE GENERAL NICS TYPE BUILDING AS SHOWN IN REF C. FYI: MISSION HAS GIVEN ESTIMATE TO NICSMA THAT THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION IN ICELAND WILL BE BETWEEN 2.0 AND 2.2 TIMES GREATER THAN FOR EUROPEAN CONTINENTAL CONSTRUCTION. END FYI. MISSION REQUEST BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE ACCURACY OF THE MISSION ESTIMATE.

3. NICSMA WANTS TO PLACE IFB FOR EQUIPMENT TO INDUSTRY BY JUNE 30, 1975. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFORMATION IN THE IFB FOR THE CONTRACTORS TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ICELANDIC TERMINAL, NICSMA REQUESTS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BETWEEN NICSMA AND THE APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES;

A. WITHIN THREE WEEKS, THAT NICSMA/US AUTHORITIES AGREE TO A CONFIDENTIAL

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DATE FOR A PROPOSED VISIT AND SITE SURVEY (PRELIMINARY SITE SURVEY IF FINAL SITE SURVEY IS NOT ACHIEVABLE) AT THE ICELANDIC SITE. NICSMA PROPOSES WEEK OF MAY 19-23, 1975 AS THE ABSOLUTE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS SURVEY AND MEET IFB DATE.

B. WITHIN FIVE WEEKS, APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES HAVE ANSWERED, AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE, NICSMA QUESTIONNAIRE ON SATCOM SITE SELECTION (REF D). MISSION WILL POUCH DOCUMENTS ON MARCH 27, 1975 TO MR. MILLER, OASD(ISA FOR ACTION. NICSMA HAS STATED THAT THEY FELT A MINIMUM OF THREE WEEKS WAS REQUIRED AFTER RECEIPT OF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE BEFORE THE SURVEY COULD COMMENCE SO THAT NICSMA PERSONNEL COULD BE PROPERLY ORIENTED.

C. AT THE TIME OF THE SITE SURVEY, APPROPRIATE US ATTENDEES WOULD HAVE A SOMEWHAT AN UNDERSTANDING AS POSSIBLE OF THE PHYSICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO BUILDING A SATCOM PHASE III (SGT) IN ICELENAD.

4. NICSMA PLANS TO HAVE THE CIVIL WORKS FOR SGTS BUILT BY HOST NATIONS UNDER TERMS OF UMBRELLA MOU CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED BY NICSMA WITH SEVERAL NATIONS INCLUDING US(SEE NICSMA LETTER TO DOD, NICSMA/HB(75)20, FEB 8, 1975(REF E), SUBJECT: COOPERATION BETWEEN NICSMA AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ON CIVIL WORKS, SITE FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED REQUIREMENTS.) THUS, THE US WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SUBMIT A TYPE B ESTIMATE FOR CIVIL WORKS FOR THIS PROGRAM, AS FOR NICS/TARE AND NICS/IVSN UNDER TERMS OF THIS UMBRELLA MOU ONCE IT IS NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED BY DOD.
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